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BERLIN RINGS JOY BELLS OVER THE BUTCHERY OF THESE  
BRITISH BABES ON ENGLAND'S EAST COAST.

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George Dixon, aged fourteen, killed.



Margaret Dixon, aged eight, killed.



Joseph Dixon, aged thirteen, wounded.



Albert Dixon, aged seven, killed.

These are four members of one family, of the name of Dixon, which has been wiped out by the German guns.



John Squires, fifteen years, killed.



Mrs. Hannah Arnold, killed, and her little daughter, who is injured.



Peter Whitecross, killed.



Miss Cause, of Hartlepool, killed.



John Whitecross, six years, wounded.



Stanley Walker and Albert Walker, killed.



Wilfred Cook, aged eight, and Harold Cook, aged eleven, killed.

These are some of the innocent victims of the German Navy's "great victory" when it bombarded Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby. Joy bells are ringing now in Berlin, and the Kaiser's capital is brave with flags and triumphal banners over the

deaths of these little children, who have perished to show the world how "frightful" Germany can make war. The Kaiser's guns did great execution, for whole families of children have been destroyed by the navy that runs from our fleet.

## LONDON A CITY OF WOMEN SHOPPERS.

Mothers and Sisters Busy Buying Christmas Gifts for Front.

## FARE FOR THE LARDER.

Germans who picture London at the present time a dreary, desolate city, with the fear-stricken inhabitants living in cellars, should pay a visit to the shopping centres of the West End just now.

The war has given a remarkable stimulus to Christmas shopping; never have the crowds at the big stores been so huge or the buying so brisk. The rain does not diminish the crowds or their enthusiasm.

A tour of the big West End shops was made by *The Daily Mirror* yesterday, and everywhere there were crowds of busy shoppers. Oxford-street and Regent-street were so packed during the afternoon that one could only walk along at snail's pace.

As regards Christmas fare there will be turkeys and pheasants, the ham and prime Scotch beef, and Scotchdown mutton and dairy-fed pork for all and to spare. And for once in a way it is all, or nearly all, British.

## GREAT CIGAR PUZZLE.

Almost every woman abroad yesterday was intent on Christmas present-buying—and it was not the careless, inconsequent business of other years.

Everywhere one overheard remarks such as: "I'm sure he would like this," "Do you think he would care for this woollen waistcoat?" or "Does Jim smoke a pipe or cigarettes?—I can't remember."

Practically all women shoppers were buying presents for their own folk—husbands, brothers, sons, uncles, cousins—who are now serving with the British Army. And the feminine world was engaged in problems which it has rarely had to tackle before.

The buying of cigars, cigarettes and pipes was one of the most puzzling questions for women shoppers. Here is a little conversation overheard at Selfridge's:

A fashionably-dressed woman was buying cigars for her brother at the front. "How much are they?" she was saying to the salesmen. "I thought you could get really beautiful cigars for a penny each—and you say we're the same?"

Pipes, waistcoats, mufflers, socks and other men's goods also led to a good deal of discussion on the part of fair shoppers.

In the toy bazaars the women were more at home, but even here the great majority of toys seemed to be military, and small sons were more inclined to please than ever. The regular Christmas toy which children had, as a matter of course, now no longer please them.

At Harrod's, Stores, Peter Robinson's and other big London shops there were the same record busy scenes as at Selfridge's.

## TURKEY'S PRIDE OF PLACE.

There have not been such turkeys for years, *The Daily Mirror* was told in Leadenhall Market yesterday.

It was an exceptional breeding season, and the best birds are from £1 Is. to £1 2d. a pound. And they are all English and Irish. Usually a goodly proportion of the smaller and cheaper birds in the London markets at Christmastide come from Hungary, but the door has been effectively closed to them this season, and it is British turkeys for British homes.

Pheasants were rather scarce when the season opened. Many people were away, and others hadn't the heart to cook them.

But they are coming in well now, and at anything from 4s. 6d. to 7s. a brace you can buy all British Christmas pheasants.

The best of beef may be a trifle dearer than last year, but only a penny or so a pound at the outside.

Mutton has been dear to buy in the country, but the supplies of prime Dutch mutton have kept the prices down in the markets.

Generally, the best Dutch mutton goes to Germany, but they have not had it this autumn.

"There is such a thing as an English sovereign, and that's what the Germans haven't got, or cannot spare, and the Dutch were not taking paper money, so we sent them mutton over here."

They may be right about Christmases, but I doubt it, and if people wish to spend their money on the best of good fare this Christmas they can get it better than ever and at practically peace rates.

## CARLISLE'S RECORD FLOODS.

The heaviest floods since 1903 occurred yesterday at Carlisle in the River Eden and its tributaries. The small River Petterill, which rises near the Saddleback, in the Lake District, came down in especially heavy volume.

At Carlisle its width extended over the low-lying land for nearly one-third of a mile, its normal width being twenty yards.

Serious flooding was reported yesterday in the Reading area owing to the rapid rise through heavy rains of the Rivers Thames, Kennet and Loddon. Most affected were the areas between Burghfield and Theale and between Sonning and Shiplake.

## "NOT A FAIR GAME," SAY CHILDREN.

Scarborough Boy's Rabbits Escape from Overturned Hutch  
—Mystery of a Dog That Has Not Returned Home.

(From Our Special Correspondent)

SCARBOROUGH Dec. 18.—If you are a grown-up, try to imagine that you are a little boy or girl again eating your breakfast in the security of your own home.

Suddenly you hear a noise like thunder, which keeps on and doesn't stop, and there are terrible crashes of falling buildings all round you, and your mother turns white and clutches you frantically. Out of the window you see neighbours' houses collapsing like packs of cards.

What would you think about it all?

I have obtained some interesting impressions from Scarborough children on the German raid.

### "HADN'T DONE ANYTHING."

All are intensely puzzled and bewildered that people should try to kill them when "they hadn't done anything."

"It wasn't a fair game"—that expresses the general view of boys and girls on the bombardment.

A small boy of about eight—an "ex-refugee" who, with his parents, has just returned to Scarborough—said: "It wasn't fair for the

"I heard a dreadful noise," she said. "Mother told me the Germans were bombing our town. The boy Brown's rabbit-hutch was all upset, and he couldn't find his rabbits afterwards."

Another family was upset owing to the disappearance of their dog.

"When the cannons started our dog was so frightened that he ran out of the house as hard as he could go," one of the junior members of the family informed me. "He went away, and we never saw him again. Oh, do you think he has been killed?"

A boy attending the Municipal School, who went early to the playground to play shortly after eight o'clock, gave a vivid account of his impressions.

"We heard the guns roaring," he said, "and bits of the bullets came falling down into the playground."

He wasn't frightened—at least, not very frightened—and I thought it was good fun. And then the caretaker got hold of me and took me down in the cellar!"

Scarborough children have heard that there are three still little figures lying in the mortuary of the hospital who will never laugh and sing and play again.

They cannot understand it—they simply grow round-eyed and tearful when they are mentioned.

## "TAP TAP" OF THE GLAZIER.

(From Our Special Correspondent)

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Dec. 18.—The "tap-tap" of the glazier can be heard on all sides in this town.

So widespread is the damage, however, that there is not enough glass in the town to mend more than a titch of the windows, and they are in most cases being boarded up.

One of the most extraordinary experiences of the bombardment was related to me by Mrs. Shears, of 7, Crimdon-street.

### AMID FLYING SPLINTERS.

"I was dressing my baby girl in the kitchen," she said, "when a shell burst in the bedroom which had just been occupied by my two boys and completely took the roof off the house."

"I heard the explosion, clasped my little one to me, and ran out into the street."

"When I recovered my senses I found that the first finger of my right hand had been taken off and the nail torn out. I stood up and I found I had also been grazed on the knee and heel, and two bullets had gone clean through the chair I was sitting on. My baby's frock was perforated with bullet-holes, but she was untouched."

"My other children were also untouched, although everything in the room was broken. I cannot get the screams of the shells and exploding."

"My eldest boy, who is nine years old, has been terrified ever since. The pain in my hand and arm is maddening."

### NARROW ESCAPE.

A Miss Abbott, of Brougham-terrace, had just left her bedroom when a shell carried away the corner of the house.

Her bed is seen hanging over the front garden.

A little boy, terrified by the bombardment, ran out into the street and was fearfully wounded.

In one case a young woman living on the front was completely buried in her bed and yet, beyond being nearly suffocated, was unscathed.



A picture of Lord Kitchener and the inscription, "Are We Downhearted? No," have been hung on the shutters of a Scarborough art shop wrecked by a German shell.

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# GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE SUNK TWO BRITISH DESTROYERS IN THE RAID

Berlin Story of "Bravery" of Ships That Dare Not Stop to Fight.

WHERE MURDER DOES NOT SEEM HEROIC.

Neutral Nations' Disgust with Sea Huns' Cowardly Attack on Defenceless Towns.

VICTIMS OF RAID ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN 400.

Germany is still rejoicing over the "bravery" of its seamen, who bombarded English coast towns and were too afraid to remain behind to fight.

The German official account of the raid on the East Coast claims that two British destroyers were sunk.

The British Press-Bureau has no information regarding this report.

It is also stated in Berlin that a battleship took part in the exploit, and that all the warships engaged returned safely to port.

The total casualty list is believed to be 461, but it is feared that some bodies are still under the wreckage of the Hartlepools. Many of the injured may succumb.

The Mayors of Hartlepool and West Hartlepool are asking the Admiralty to institute an early inquiry into the disastrous bombardment.

The German official account of the raid does not mention the return of the ships, but states that they received "slight damage" from the coast batteries at Hartlepool, which "were silenced" by fire from the warships.

**HUNS CLAIM TO HAVE SUNK TWO DESTROYERS.**

Official Berlin Story of Raiding Cruisers Which Were Only Slightly Damaged.

The following Berlin statement that two British destroyers were sunk during the raid on Scarborough is not confirmed by the Press Bureau:

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—An official statement from Berlin says:—

"The following details are reported regarding the raid on the English east coast: 'When approaching the English coast our British ships were attacked without success by four British destroyers in misty weather.'

"One destroyer was sunk and another disapeared seriously damaged.

"The batteries at Hartlepool were silenced and the gasometer destroyed.

"Several explosions and three big fires could be observed."

"The coast guard station and waterworks of Scarborough and the signal and coastguard station at Whitby were destroyed. Our ships were only slightly damaged by the coast batteries."

"At another place a British destroyer was sunk."—Central News.

**WHEN STEEL JAWS CLOSE**

PARIS, Dec. 17.—"Of no military importance" is the verdict here on the German descent on the East Coast.

The massacre of civilians in open towns is regarded as adding but another to the long list of German outrages. The *Temps* says:—

"It is difficult to see a military side to the exploit. It can only be considered as an act of barbarism without profit to its author."

It is true that the destruction of Admiral von Spee's fleet was a German naval prestige. The German fleet was thus obliged to do something to show that it was still alive.

It has done so by brutally shedding the blood of harmless beings in defiance of the laws of war.—Reuter.

**AVENGE THE INSULT.**

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The *Intransigeant* says that the attack was the result of pressure exercised by German industrial leaders, who for long complained of the fleet's inactivity, which was really the work of the Prussian military caste. The British Navy is ready for all contingencies, and the crews are ready for Nelson's spirit.

The *Liberte* says that according to the law of hospitality, England will very certainly avenge the insult. The Kaiser's ships, which have thrown themselves into the wolf's mouth, may remain there."—Central News.

**FAIRY TALES FOR FRIEDRICH.**

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—The *Koelnerische Zeitung* says: "After all, the attack will bring home to the English the fact that their great fleet is unable to protect them from warlike operations."

"Their insular seclusion certainly has the effect of rendering it difficult to make their

country a theatre of war, although in this respect future events must be awaited."—Reuter.

**AMERICAN DISGUST.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—In an editorial article the *Tribune* says:—

Civilised opinion everywhere will share the indignation of the British public at the bombardment of undefended coast towns by German cruisers.

As usual such wanton attacks were made without any discernible military purpose, and civilians were the only sufferers. Such ruthlessness will come home to roost.

The *New York Times* says:—"The massacre of non-combatants has not only shocked the people of other nations, but has aroused a worldwide feeling of angry resentment, which cannot fail to be prejudicial to Germany."—Reuter.

## SCARBOROUGH INQUEST.

The inquest was opened at Scarborough yesterday on seventeen victims of the German bombardment.

The coroner, in opening the inquiry, said that he had never before in this country seen such a tragedy as that caused by an enemy who thought it proper to make an attack which was entirely contrary to the rules of civilised nations.

They certainly had troops at Scarborough, but the town was not a protected or fortified town. This was not had been conducted in the way that wars were generally carried on by civilised nations.

He thought the Germans practically admitted that they had set aside rules which were generally considered by all countries as contrary to war.

Unfortunately, in this case a great many lives were sacrificed.

It was impossible for the jury to come to any other conclusion than that the enemy knew the town was not protected.

Such an attack had never been made by the British.

It might be that the effect desired by the enemy was to strike terror into the inhabitants, and it might, on the other hand, have the effect of inspiring confidence among our own people.

The Coroner said they heard a great deal about the culture of Germany, but this was a kind of culture which he did not think other nations would approve.

The British Fleet had a great deal to do, and probably the ships had at the time something more important to do than watching defenceless places.

The jury, expressing the view that the attack was "murderous," returned, in the case of John Hall, on the coroner's direction, a verdict that deceased was "killed by bombardment."

## BRITONS' COOL COURAGE IN GERMAN AMBUSH.

Warned of Trap by Single Rifle Shot—Two Hours Under Enfilade Fire.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 17.—Reuter's special correspondent with the forces operating against German South-West Africa, telegraphing from Chaukab, thirty miles east of Luderitzbucht, reports that Sir Duncan McKenzie came into contact with the enemy early in the morning of December 16 at Garub, which is an important place, as it possesses an underground supply of good water, the first of such water as is met with inland from Luderitzbucht.

There was no sign of the Germans until one mounted trooper rode up to the horse commanding the station from the south. Then the Germans opened a furious enfilade fire from rifles and three machine guns. The fire was maintained for well over two hours.

A single rifle shot, probably an accidental one, had prepared our men for their reception. They made good use of such cover as the bare, undulating ground afforded, and all hands behaved with marked coolness.

About half past nine considerable German reinforcements were seen rapidly approaching, and our men thereupon withdrew, returning safely to camp.—Reuter's Special.

## HORSES FOR CONQUEROR.

PRETORIA, Dec. 17.—General Botha was to-day presented with two horses as the result of a shilling subscription organised by the newspaper *Transvaal Leader*.—Reuter.

## GENERAL BOTHA TO ATTACK GERMANS.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 17.—Apart from the rounding up of two or three stray bands, the rebellion is ended.

General Botha left for Standerton this afternoon to spend a few days on his farm. After Christmas he will enter upon the campaign in German South-West Africa.

General Botha to-day said he considered that now the rebellion was over no fear need be entertained of a recrudescence of the trouble.

The one thing now needful—and on this General Botha lays great stress—is that all sections of the local population—Dutch and English alike, should abstain from words or actions which might exacerbate feelings. He says, in effect, "Let the dead past bury its dead."

Turning to the task which lies ahead, General Botha said:—

"Now that German territory has become a refuge for Maritz and the other rebels, it is more than ever necessary that we should persist in our operations there. We cannot tolerate the existence of a nest of outlaws on our frontier, a menace to the peace of the Union."—Reuter's Special.

## FRENZY IN BERLIN OVER "VICTORY IN POLAND."

German Claim To Have Won "Most Gigantic Battle in History."

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—According to a Berlin telegram, the report of a German victory in Poland has been received in the capital with great enthusiasm.

The German and Austrian flags were displayed in thousands all over the city, and the church bells rang.

General Hindenburg is once again the popular hero.

The newspapers in Berlin this evening are pouring out a stream of wild and fantastic comment on the news from Poland.

The *Lokalzeiger* writes:—

"Never since this old earth has had a history such as this a gigantic battle been fought. Seldom in centuries has there been an event of such dimensions."

The battle in Poland will be classed among the historic victories of the first rank. It will be mentioned in the same breath with the battles of Stalingrad and Verdun.

The *Berliner Zeitblatt*, after an eulogy of the bravery and tenacity of the troops, proceeds:—

"This victory and the defeat of the Russians is particularly significant because Russia threw all her force into the scale in order to win the victory."

"Politically the victory will have a wide importance, especially with the Balkan States. If our other of the United States called on Russian assistance, it will not recognise us, venice the hope." With victory in the West, Orléans theatre, the campaign in the eastern theatre of war is for the greatest part decided."—Reuter.

**RUSSIANS REPORT VIGOROUS PURSUIT.**

PRAGUE, Dec. 17.—The following bulletin is issued by the Russian Headquarters:—

"In the direction of Maava our cavalry and advanced detachments are vigorously pursuing the defeated German troops, a large number of whom have crossed the frontier. During the pursuit we captured prisoners, several guns and other war material."

"On the left bank of the Vistula, as well as in Western Galicia, there was no engagement of importance yesterday."

"In the course of last week the garrison of the fortress of Przemysl attempted many sorties. We repulsed all, and inflicted great losses on the garrison."

"During one sortie on the 15th we captured some hundreds of prisoners and machine-guns."—Reuter.

**GERMAN CRUISER SUNK.**

PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—The German armoured cruiser Friedrich Karl was sunk during the last sortie in the Baltic. Two-thirds of her crew perished, but 200 were rescued.—Reuter.

The Friedrich Karl was one of two armoured cruisers of the Prince Adalbert class launched in 1902. She had a displacement of 9,050 tons and carried a crew of 657. She was armed with four 8.2-in. guns, ten 6-in., ten 15-in. pounders, ten 1-pounder and four Maximins.

## SERBIA'S VENGEANCE ON BRUTAL CONQUERORS.

How Proud Austrian Advance Became Retreat—Chair and Pole "Executions."

A terrible account of Austrian barbarity in Serbia, quoted by the *Examiner*, is given by Mr. W. G. Shepherd, an American correspondent, who has just arrived in London from the Austrian front in Serbia. He tells also a vivid story of the Austrians' retreat.

"The Austrians on November 15," he says, "jubilantly took the correspondents of several papers and agencies into Serbia in order to show them how the Serbian lines had been driven back."

"We traversed 150 miles in the north-west corner of Serbia and passed through eighteen towns which were utterly deserted. In every town we saw one or two walls riddled with bullets which had been used for the purposes of execution."

"The Austrians and Hungarian officers denied that they executed women, but admitted the execution of hundreds of men. One Hungarian general proudly showed me an six-foot pole from which he said he stretched a rope which fixed round the neck of a Serb sitting on a chair. Then, knocking away the chair, he left him to swing. The Serbs usually died within eight or ten minutes."

"The Austrians promised with great jubilation on November 25 to march to Belgrade, but their plan was soon changed."

"It ultimately developed into an utter rout. Many officers became insane. The day on which we departed was very stormy, and a terrific blizzard was going on, rendering the roads being rendered almost impassable."

"When I left Vienna on December 4 soil was being doled out to the inhabitants in 15lb. lots, and so eagerly was it being seized that many of the citizens were carrying it to their homes in taxicabs and carriages."

"Criticism of Germany is merciless in Vienna, where they think Germany has not given them sufficient help. The Hungarians upbraid the Austrians for making them bear the brunt of the Serbian onslaughts."

## FOE'S STRONGHOLD IN FRANCE THREATENED.

Allies in a Splendid Offensive Gain Trenches in La Bassee Region.

## CHEERING NEWS.

The news from over the water is distinctly cheering.

It is clear from the French communiqué given below that the Allies in France are conducting a very vigorous and successful offensive.

The fiercest fighting is no doubt in the region of La Bassee, which position—Sir John French, in his last dispatch dealing with the Ypres-Armenies battle, stated—throughout the great battle "defied all attempts at capture, either by the French or British."

Now we learn that several trenches, notably in front of Arras, Achy and La Bassee, only a mile and a quarter south-west of La Bassee, the German "stronghold," have been captured.

At Blangy, which is less than two miles from Arras, the German front line of trenches over a distance of 1,100 yards have been carried.

The attack of the Allies, therefore, is clearly making very creditable headway, despite the modest tone of the communiqué.

## TRENCHES OVER FRONT OF 1,100 YARDS TAKEN.

Allies Capture the First Line of Earthworks from the Germans at Blangy.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—This afternoon's official communiqué says:—

"Yesterday afternoon was marked, as we stated yesterday, by a progress on our part in Belgium, when all the counter-attacks of the enemy failed."

In the Arras district a vigorous offensive ended in capturing the first line of trenches in front of Auchy-les-la-Bassee, Loos, St. Laurent and Blangy.

At the latter point we carried nearly the whole of the enemy's first line trenches over a front of more than a kilometer."

In the district of Traveille-Vel, on the Aisne, and in Chambry our heavy artillery gained a clear advantage.

In the Argonne the Germans blew up one of our trenches to the north of Le Four de Paris and tried to debouch from it with three battalions.

This attack and another that they made at St. Hubert were repulsed.

To the east of the Meuse and in the Vosges there was nothing but a retreat.—Reuter.

Auchy, says Reuter, is only a mile and a quarter south-west of La Bassee.

Loos is two and a half miles north-north-west of Lens.

St. Laurent and Blangy are less than two miles eastward of Arras.

## WHAT GERMANS SAY.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—The following official report was issued in Berlin this morning from the German Main Headquarters:—

The battle near Newport continued favourably, but no decision has yet been reached.

French attacks between La Bassee and Arras on both sides of the Somme failed with severe losses.

On the Somme the French lost 1,300 prisoners and at least 1,800 dead. Our own losses were under 200.

In the Argonne Forest our successful attacks resulted in the capture of some 750 prisoners and some war material.

In Poland we are still pursuing further the enemy, who continues to give way.—Reuter.

## ZEPPELIN OVER FLANDERS.

A message to the Amsterdam *Telegraaf*, says an Exchange special message, states that the battle of the Yser was continued yesterday, that the sound of naval guns could be heard and that a Zeppelin was seen over Flanders.

## TO BE TAKEN WITH SALT.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—An official Constantinople dispatch published here states that Russian troops, supported by men and machine guns, advanced along the left bank of the Chornuk River, but were repulsed after a five hours' battle near Sarai which ended favourably for the Turks.

Turkish cavalry came into contact with the enemy nine and a half miles west of Kotour, and attacked without waiting for infantry to arrive. The Russians were driven back and dispersed in the direction of Kotour.—Central News.

Critical war reports should be accepted with caution. They have on many occasions proved to be mere inventions circulated under German directions.

## HOODED MAN, A SUSPECTED SPY, CAUGHT BY THE FRENCH.

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A suspect being brought through the French lines after having been discovered in a suspicious position near the French artillery.  
His head is enveloped in a sack, so that he may not see anything en route.

### EGYPT'S HIGH COMMISSIONER.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Arthur and Lady McMahon. Now that Egypt has been proclaimed a British protectorate, Sir Arthur has been appointed as his Majesty's High Commissioner for Egypt.

### SAVED BY KNIFE.

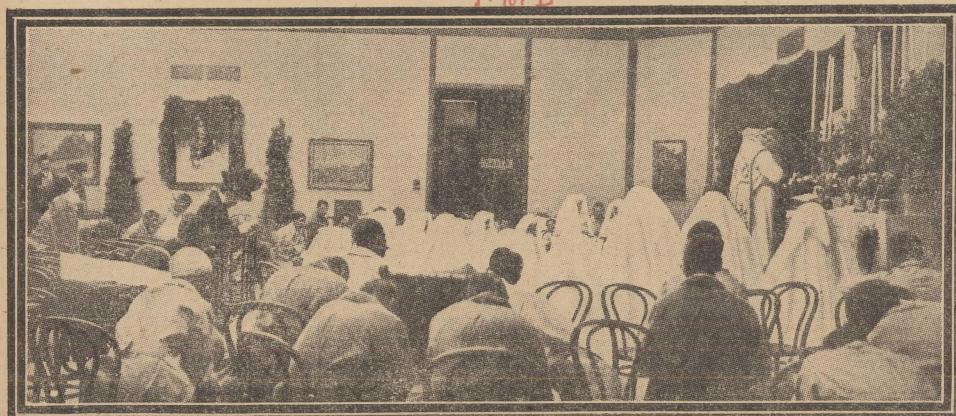
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Gunner Ruppersbury, R.F.A., was struck by German shrapnel. A pocket-knife saved his life.

### MASS CELEBRATED IN AN ART GALLERY AT VIENNA.

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Since the outbreak of war it has been a custom in Vienna to celebrate Mass in several of the art galleries. Most of the art students have, of course, gone to the front.

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## BOMBS AND BABIES.

WE PUBLISH this morning pictures of many of the victims of the East Coast raid upon Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby. They make a significant illustration of the "great achievement" which Berlin claims as another proof of the "gallantry" of their Navy.

It will be seen that this "gallantry" has largely exercised itself upon babies and small children—in some cases the hazard of a shell has picked out several children from the same family. Berlin, we may be sure, will regard this with satisfaction, and the now familiar Potsdam military moral will be pointed. "They at least will not be able to fight Germany when they grow up."

When the committee, just appointed by Mr. Asquith to report upon German breaches of international law, gets to work, it would be instructive if it were to draw up a list of the women and children whom Prussia can boast of having killed by bomb or bayonet during this war.

In any war, it may be true to say that the innocent must inevitably pay toll together with the combatants; we have never sought to praise war; for that, as for many other reasons: but it is not customary for one side or the other to get itself a reputation for deliberate slaughter of defenceless non-combatants. In the European confusion, with all things falling about us, some even of the fighting heads keep cool and make distinctions. The Prussian device is to make distinctions with the rest: but not, be it observed, in the way of sparing and withholding the hand from the weak. On the contrary, a terrorising of the weak is a special part of Prussian policy. It dates, as an explicit tradition, at least from Bismarck's time, and it is being applied here in the twentieth century by a people carefully trained to its application. Those pictures of chance-hit babies are the latest comment upon it.

And the incomprehensible thing to other nations, and especially to neutrals, must be that the Germans fail to see how their Belgian and coast-bombarding exploits are far from accomplishing the purpose they doubtless expect them to accomplish.

It is expected that this trumpety war-frightfulness will induce peace, will terrorise civilians, will break resistance. Not a bit of it! Resistance is thereby daily reinforced. Baby-murder brings recruits here. Over there, in Belgium, war-frightfulness, far from slackening resistance, merely embittered it—made it desperate, determined. War-frightfulness, theoretically supposed to end wars swiftly, puts, on the contrary, impassable barriers between one side and the other, and causes the side that suffers these outrages to fight on, through whatever sacrifices, till the uttermost farthing be exacted. The only result of massacring the momentarily defeated, and murdering non-combatants, is in the average heart and soul, even of the apparently ruined creature, to put that proud, Satanic thought:—

What though the field be lost?

All is not lost—the unconquerable will, And study of revenge, immortal hate, And courage never to submit or yield. . . .

Such, in places where Prussia passes, is the result of her presence. Do not the German psychologists deal with such elementary facts about the souls of men as this one that shows hate breeding hatred, and hatred, in turn, stimulating resistance as nothing else can? Let us assure them, if they do not know it, that they will never end this or any other war they may choose to wage merely by blowing babies to pieces with bombs.

W. M.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Each one is to his brother either a rose which gives out a sweet perfume or a thorn which pricks.—Thomas à Kempis

## LOOKING THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

### CHRISTMAS LEAVE.

IT SEEMS very unfair that a few battalions stationed at the White City are only having forty hours' Christmas leave—that time starting from December 18.

Surely it could be arranged for those soldiers to have longer, especially when we hear the other battalions are having six or seven days. C. F.

### THE GIRL BEHIND THE COUNTER.

IS IT NOT time that the worn-out joke as to the impoliteness of post-office girls were consigned to the limbo of rubbishy things? Or, if it must be periodically resuscitated for the amusement of the foolish, those who find an ignorant pleasure in it should at least try the personal experience, for just one day, of a post-office employee's life. We believe that if our nation is to stand glor-

iously over for the male colleagues who are fighting for us.

Should not the sorry gibe be buried?

FOUR POST-OFFICE WOMEN.  
A Post Office in England.

### ISOLATED INSTANCES?

NO DOUBT the War Office is doing all it possibly can, and I don't want to be a grumbler, but I cannot help wondering when matters will be put right in regard to some of those very disappointed young men sent to the new Army under the impression that they were going to be taught to be soldiers—that is, to shoot straight, dig trenches, and so on.

From several men of my acquaintance comes the complaint that they now know little more than they did at starting, since, for week after week, they never touch a gun and are kept exclusively at fatigue work or at such details as

## BRITAIN AT WAR.

Meaning of the Scarborough Bombardment for Germany and England.

### A TONIC FOR GERMANY.

THE RAID upon the East Coast is typically German, for they prefer to kill innocent women and children rather than meet our Fleet in a pitched battle.

The German public required a tonic after the disastrous affair off the Falklands. Killing of women and children has provided one for NAVY.

### NO MILITARY IMPORTANCE.

THE LOSS of our people at Scarborough and Hartlepool must not be minimised as far as our strength for them is concerned. Do not let us, however, make the Germans think they have annoyed us much. Your

leader pointed out that the achievement in no way alters the situation. That is true. These schoolboy raids have no military importance. They are merely intended to reassure Berlin.

M.C.E.

Cowes, Isle of Wight.

### RULES FOR THE BOMBARDED.

SOME carefully drawn up rules for residents in case of a bombardment might not be a bad thing at this time.

I gather from the published accounts of what happened at Scarborough and Hartlepool that few people seemed to have any notion of what to do. Most of them seemed to herd together at the station, or else to run out into the street.

A cellar is a good place during a bombardment, as Berlin Prussianists inform us. In many cases it is useless to herd together in exposed places or to imagine that a glass roof affords protection from shells.

L. K.

Draycot-place, S.W.

### WAR AND SERVANTS.

WILL YOUR correspondent "H. F." in Wednesday's *Daily Mirror* kindly give me some idea as to where servants are plentiful? Personally I have tried for weeks to get a "general" at £20 weekly help given, no steps, etc., etc., only two in family, but as yet not one of the "excellent maids" has been found. What are they? I feel sure that if "H. F." will divulge the secret, she (or he) will make many of your readers happy.

(Mrs.) B. T. LUND.

I HAVE expected someone to reply to the letter written by "K.", the naval officer's wife. Many women sympathise with her and quite agree with her.

Of course, she does not want to take an untrained person into her house and pay £20. One expects something for that fee, as the servant gets well housed, well fed and cared for, and taken care of in every way.

The mistress should count her as an apprentice, and should really receive a fee for her. All she has to undergo in training her. But a mistress would give always a big sum to the learner in addition to the big sum she has to pay for food, washing and other sundry expenses. Many women have no inclination to help various funds while there is such a lack of domestic servants; and there would be no need of all this relief if the women were sensible and did their duty. Where the maids do this they have every consideration and liberty from their mistresses.

VERONA.

### IN MY GARDEN.

DEC. 18.—There is still a good deal of tidying up to do in the garden. Lawns and paths should be carefully swept and weeded; the latter can, if necessary, be now repaired.

Unless the soil of a garden is of a very light nature, all planting had better be deferred until the early spring. Since roses need setting out very early, it is best to take them away when the ground is in a saturated condition. Bushes that arrive now should therefore be temporarily laid in a sheltered corner.

E. F. T.

## THE WILLIES' WHITBY EXPLOIT AND THE RESULT.



The sole military result of such Kaiser-and-Crown-Prince exploits as shelling Abbeys and killing babies in undefended coast towns is an immense boom in recruiting over here. This is our best retaliation for the East Coast murders of this week. (By Mr. W. K. Hasselden.)

ously an undivided front must be presented to the enemy by those who collectively form that nation—Government and people, served and serving. We do not forget that we ourselves are public servants; we do not forget that we owe

Daily Mirror Reflections of War and Peace," being Vol. VIII. of Mr. Hasselden's cartoons, is just out. It contains more than 100 of the best of them, including many of the series of Big and Little Willies. It costs 6d. net, postage 2½d. There could be no better present for people at home or at the front.

loyal duty to the State, and we strive to do that duty conscientiously.

It consists, as every thinking man knows, of a great deal more than merely handing a penny stamp in exchange for a penny over a counter! But we are also normal human beings. Each one of us four has every male relative or fiancee of military age serving with the colours, whilst in "civil" service we do our own little bit and

polishing their buttons and being ready for the inspection of boots.

I venture to send you the letters of one or two men who have made this complaint. I sincerely hope they reveal only isolated instances and are not typical.

Gerrard's Cross, Bucks.

### A SONG.

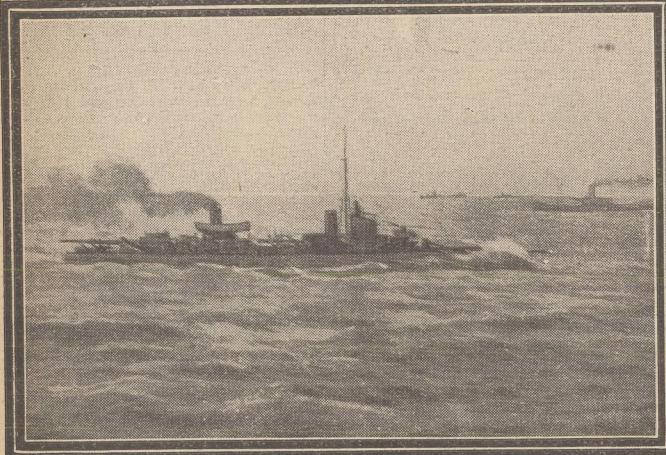
When the lamp is shattered  
The light in the dust lies dead—  
When the cloud is scattered  
The rainbow's glory is shed.  
Sweet tones are broken  
When the lips have spoken,  
Loud accents are soon forgot.

As music and splendour  
Survive not the lamp and the lute.  
The heart's echoes render  
No sound when the spirit is mute:—  
Like song birds in cages,  
Like the wind through a ruined cell,  
Or the mournful surges  
That ring the dead seaman's knell.

SHELLEY.

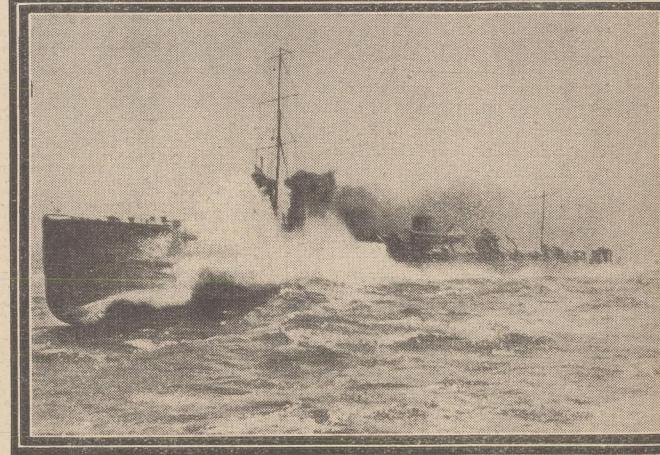
# BRITISH DESTROYERS HUNT FOR THE GERMAN RAIDERS.

9.11.10



Our destroyers and mine-sweepers after the Germans had fled.

A flotilla of British destroyers which engaged the German fleet bombarding the East Coast. These destroyers at once communicated with a British patrolling squadron of cruisers,



British destroyers chasing the German squadron after the bombardment of Scarborough, but the German fleet fled before our ships arrived. On their way the Germans dropped mines. Mine-sweepers went out afterwards from the British coast.

## AFTERNOON MANTLE.



Afternoon gown with mantle, sable collar, skirt draped in front and back. Finished with pearls and silver.

## LITTLE WILLIE'S FOUR HOPEFUL SONS.

P. 1605 D



Here are the four sons of Little Willie, the Clown Prince of Germany. Reading from right to left, Prince William, Prince Louis Ferdinand, Prince Hubertus, Prince Frederick.

## A BISMARCK BOY.

P. 1614



Count Nicholas von Bismarck, a grandson of the great Bismarck, who is now serving in the German Army.

## TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

P. 94 H



The Hon. Mary Gardner, daughter of Lord and Lady Burghclere, to-day marries the Hon. G. H. Morley.

## EVENING GOWN.



A charming evening gown from Paris white satin, with a tunic of black and gold beaded lace.

## MORE BRITISH CHILDREN BUTCHERED TO MAKE A BERLIN HOLIDAY.



Moon, who has been killed, and her daughter, who is injured.

are the portraits of further victims of the Kaiser's naval murderers, whose exploit in

by defenceless British women and children has excited the joy and admiration of



Albert Edward Cressey, who was killed by a shell.



Tommy Heslop, one of the killed.



Mrs. Jackson, killed, and her daughter Florence, who is injured.



Mr. Fred Swinburne was wounded at Hartlepool.

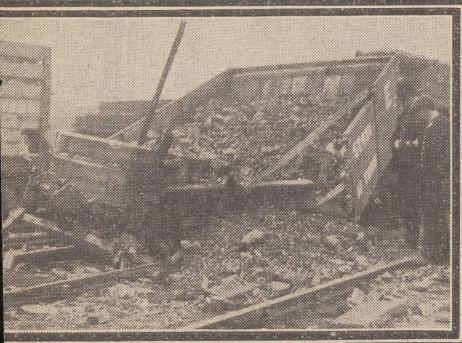


Mrs. Shears had a wonderful escape. Shell blew off a finger.

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Berlin. The German Press is enthusiastic over the "bravery" of the German Navy, and flags are flying everywhere in honour of the deaths of these women and children.

9.11913



A truck, standing near the railway station at Scarborough, was destroyed by a German shell. People are hunting for shell fragments.

9.11913 A



Shells missed the figure of the Blessed Mother outside St. Mary's, Hartlepool.

9.11913



German 11-in. shell, which fell into a timber yard at Hartlepool, but fortunately failed to explode, saving a dreadful conflagration.

9.11913 A



A tree was splintered by a shell intended for the wireless station at Scarborough.



What Britshers' homes look like after a German visit. Nos. 20 and 21, Clevedon-road, East Hartlepool, that suffered complete demolition.



Chimney pot blown by German shell across a road at Scarborough and poised on another.

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Castor Sugar—1 tablespoonful.  
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Brandy—half a wine glass.  
and a pint of Bird's Custard.

Cut the Sponge Cakes into slices, spread each with Jam, and cover the bottom of a large dish with them. Then lay the Biscuits and soak them in the wine and Brandy (if preferred). Raspberry Vinegar sweetened or syrup, may be used instead). Prepare the Bird's Custard and pour hot into the dish. Sprinkle over the Chopped Almonds. Beat up the cream and sugar together, and heap lightly all over the top of the dish.

Decorate by sprinkling "Hundreds and Thousands" and Silver Beads and small pieces of Glacé cherries.

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## CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

**SYLVIA CRAVEN**, a beautiful girl of twenty-six, with considerable force of character. She is liable to be affected by her emotions, but she also has a clear head, which helps to balance matters.

**VALERIE CRAVEN**, Sylvia's elder sister. They are very much alike to look at, but not in temperament. Valerie is worldly and selfish.

**JOHN HILLIER**, a quiet, strong man of thirty, who is capable of very deep affection. Anything underneath is abhorrent to him.

**STANHOPE LANE**, a "smart" man about town, whose sense of honour is a very elastic one when his own desires are concerned.

**SIR GEORGE CLAIR**, a heavy, brutal type of man, with no aspirations of any kind.

**SYLVIA CRAVEN**, at the antique lace establishment of Mrs. Cunlife, in Sloane-street, is being pestered by Stanhope Lane, a relative of Mrs. Cunlife. As he speaks he catches hold of the girl's wrists and draws her close in a tight grip.

They are seen by Mrs. Cunlife, who is fully aware that it is not the girl's fault, but she is white with rage and jealousy.

"I have no further use of your services, Miss Cunlife," she said, and straightened lips.

Sighs at heart and utterly miserable, Sylvia goes home to tell her sister Valerie, with whom she lives.

On the mantelpiece there is a photograph of a man with steady eyes and a calm, strong face. With a little smile, like a child, Sylvia runs up to it and brushed her lips across the glass.

It is the photograph of John Hillier, to whom Valerie is engaged. For some years he has been out in India, and now he is home again.

To the Indian he is a homecoming hero. John Hillier is the one man of all that is fine and splendid.

As she turns away she catches sight of two letters on the table. One of them, she is surprised to see, is in Valerie's writing. As she reads she gets a terrible shock. For Valerie calmly writes to say that she was married that morning to Sir George Clair. The other letter is from John Hillier! As she reads her heart sickens within her.

John Hillier has been blinded by a blasting operation, and his work-day life is finished. Sylvia sits silent, stricken with horror and pain.

John Hillier blind and jilted!

Then, as she sits there, a temptation speeds swift-winded into her heart. She is alone and practically destitute. John Hillier is alone and wants a love. She could not tell more than that she had always loved him. She and Valerie are alike, and their voices are very similar.

"If I come out to you, Jack," she cries, "you need never know."

On the verandah of a bungalow in Magalla, in India, John Hillier is sitting in an attitude of intent listening, as he has been sitting for many days. Suddenly he hears a faint noise. "Who's there?" he demands sharply.

"It is—Valerie," says a girl's voice, almost in a whisper.

Hillier believed it to be Valerie, and the deception is keeping him alive the while world for him, and he finds that there is something to live for after all. A week or two passes, and they are married very quietly.

As she returns to the bungalow after the ceremony she finds an amazing letter from Valerie, in which she says that she is on her way out to India to join Hillier. The next thing Sylvia learns is her horror, that the Valerie has arrived, and is on her way to the bungalow.

Sylvia meets her, and after understanding that she never married Sir George Clair tells her exactly what has happened. A terrible expression comes into Valerie's eyes.

That night at dinner she tells Hillier that he is heir to a baronetcy and £20,000 a year. Sylvia at once guesses why her sister came out to India. Later Valerie tells her that she has come to meet her, that night. They go off together to an ancient palace.

The next thing is that Sylvia bursts into the room where Hillier is, and falls in a dead faint, and Valerie is found dead in the ruins of the palace, apparently killed by a fall.

## ALL THAT SYLVIA KNEW.

BEHIND that closed door, in the shaded room where husband and wife met after those days of tragic separation, there was little need for words.

To Sylvia, weak and terrified after her battle with the things of darkness that haunt that borderland over which her little feet had been straying, the very sight of Jack Hillier's face was enough.

"Jack," Now, as always, just that cry of his

name that was the sweetest sound on earth to her. "Jack."

As he sat down by the bedside and put his arm about her she clung to him, nestling closer, like a frightened child, and sighed with a soft content, as a child might have sighed.

"Oh, I've come at last. I was so frightened. I thought that perhaps you might never come. Jack, you don't know how frightened I was. Wasn't it silly of me?"

"Remarkably silly," Hillier's heart was almost too full for words. All that is best in the love of a man for a woman was uppermost in him now as he held this trembling little form so closely in his arms. To think that but for a chance of fate he might have lost her—that it might have been she, and not Sylvia, who lay here in that little lonely grave on the broken hillsides.

"I know—I know."

For a second she lay there content, her head against his shoulder, her hand in his; then, with a sudden feeble energy, she drew away from him and sat up, staring at him with flushed cheeks and fever-bright eyes.

"Yes. . . . Jack, there must have been something I am not telling you. . . . What was it? Don't keep it from me. Dear, tell me the truth. It will be easier to bear than all these shadowy fears. I can't tell you—only, there is something, hidden away in my memory, always escaping me, yet always there—like a dreadful presence in a dark room that . . . ."

"Hush! Let me tell you everything quite quickly. He held her hot hand in his own, smoothing it over her fingers, his fingers, till he felt something of its nervous tension relax.

"There is something to be sorry for—but not to be frightened about. Sylvia—"

"Sylvia!" she cried out, and caught her breath.

"Yes. Little Sylvia—do you remember how we teased her . . . . hall-marked 'to be married'?" He held her hot hand in his own, smoothing it over her fingers, his fingers, till he felt something of its nervous tension relax.

"Dead! Oh, no, no, no! Not that, Jack—not that!"

The agony of the cry froze the words on Hillier's lips. He felt the body he held encircled with his arm stiffen to rigidity.

He sat, not knowing what to do or to say, and blamed himself bitterly for having, like the fool he was, disobeyed the doctor's instructions from the first.

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# THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP

## The Man Who Made the Queen Laugh.

Do you remember that very charming picture we published of Queen Mary at the Earl's Court Exhibition two years ago? The Queen was making a tour of "Shakespeare's England" in a wheeled chair, and she was photographed stopping to look at a merry man in the stocks. The man cut such a comical figure that her Majesty was roaring with laughter. The "yokel" in the stocks was roaring, too.



The man who made the Queen laugh.

## Wounded Now.

Do you recognise this face? This is the merry man in the stocks. He wrote to me yesterday from Southmead Infirmary at Bristol. He is now

Private J. Ellis, of the 2nd Lincolns. He asks me to send him a copy of that photograph—a photo of myself in the stocks making Queen Mary laugh . . . He has been to the front, been wounded, and now lies in hospital at Bristol. I am sending him the photograph to-day, and I would like to congratulate him now on "doing his bit" to make the Germans cry.

## Unbiased (German) Reports.

My Paris gossip writes me a few illuminating examples of Prussian Kultur. Six Italian journalists, from Milan, Rome, Naples and Sicily, have been offered sixty francs a day and 2,000 francs travelling expenses by the German Government to visit Germany and Belgium and write an unbiased account of affairs in those countries. That is, an unbiased German account.

## Plight of Brussels Babies.

An American woman journalist, a Miss Riley, who has often visited Europe to write accounts of prison life and to make reports upon conditions for the American Government, has just returned to Paris from Belgium. The accounts she brings back are hideous. In Brussels she found 150 babies dying each day for want of milk. She and five other women of different nationalities went to the German Acting Governor of Brussels and demanded milk for the children. The reply they received was that it was impossible. Further, that every baby, woman or child in Belgium was an enemy of Germany.

## Kultur Always Kultur!

Miss Riley is a woman of determination. On receiving this reply she went straight to the post office and handed in a cable account of the governor's decision for America. For this she was arrested and detained, although subsequently the authorities thought it better to release her. As I said, illuminating sidelights these on the manners and customs of the unspeakable German.

## The National Guard.

The City of London is forming a corps of the National Guard, I see, and already a uniform has been decided upon, apropos of which let me tell you a little story. Down at Southend, where they feel themselves very near to the Germans, there has been a corps of the National Guard in being for some time past. It is composed largely of City men, smart and well to do, who, so one of them told me yesterday, consider themselves rather a superior body of men.

## They Led the Procession.

They are determined to do things well, and they have organised a band, of which they are also proud. And it happened a few weeks since that a great parade was arranged through the Southend streets. The National Guard generously offered their band to play the assembly along. The parade was a huge success. It was led by the Guard; then came the band, the special constables and the soldiers. Everyone was delighted with the martial bearing of the stalwarts of Southend.

## Such a Pity.

Now all but the select National Guard wear uniforms; they up to date parade in ordinary London-made clothes. And commenting on the procession to my friend—a terribly proud Guard—a dear old lady said: "How smart they all looked, special constables and all; but what a pity they let those unemployed walk in front of the band!" He is agitating hard for uniforms now.

## Kind, but Indiscreet.

How seriously and heavily those Germans take a little indiscretion! I see in the *Hamburger Fremdenblatt* that the following decree, which explains itself, has been published by the commander of the concentration camp at Goerlitz: "The three young women who ventured to send their photographs to the Russian prisoner of war, Corporal George Hirschberg, are requested to present themselves at Room 51 of the new barracks, where the commander of the prison camp will return them the photographs."

## Threat of Exposure.

So far, so good. But the worthy soldier adds to his decree: "If they fail to do so their names will be published." The newspaper's comment on the escapade of the three young women is that the commander would have done well to publish without further ado the names of these women who have thus disgraced their sex.

## Navy Novelist and Soldier, Too.

I hear it has come as a surprise to the London Irish Rifles to learn from the papers that they have a celebrated author serving in their ranks. This is Patrick McGill, "the navy poet," whose novel, "Children of the Dead End," describing his early life as a navy, was one of the notable books of last season. He enlisted in the London Irish early in the war, and has now been drafted into the 1st Battalion. He is serving as a private, and proving himself a good soldier, too.

## With Pen and Rifle.

Soldiers are not much given to literature, so that his comrades, beyond a dim knowledge that he has written books, know McGill as a quiet young rooky who seizes any odd moments of rest in a march or a field day to scribble pages in his notebook. More to the military point is the fine sequence of bulls which the author soldier scored when, for the first time, he went on the ranges to fire his recruit's course of musketry.

## Invidious.

From the advertisement columns of a morning paper yesterday:—

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## Clock as Recruiting Sergeant.

There is an old watch and clock maker's shop opposite the Kennington Theatre which has for many years provided all passers-by with the correct time. Since the commencement of the war, however, this useful time-piece, which is fixed over the entrance, has changed its face. The hands and figures are now obliterated by a piece of white paper which bears the words, "Time to join the Army."

## All About "The Ditch."

The new "London Magazine" is out, anticipating the New Year, for it is the January number. It is full of stories and articles of war, one particularly interesting one dealing with "The Ditch," otherwise the Suez Canal, which no longer cuts through the territory of the Unspeakable Turk. "The Ditch" is likely to play even a greater part in our history in the near future than it has in the past, and the illustrations to this article help us to understand its position very clearly.

## The Death Gamble.

The love of gambling is strongly implanted in most of us—how strongly I never realised until the other day, when chatting with a wounded gunner from the front, "We used to gamble on the next man to be killed," he said. "We'd get up a little sweepstake, draw names and—wait! There was always a favourite. I held that not altogether enviable position three times. But I disappointed my backers!"

## Did Not Get His 15s.

"One day I noticed that a fellow a few yards away kept on turning round to look at me. He did it so often that at last I realised with a bit of a shock that he had drawn me in the sweepstake. He was waiting to see me tumble down with a bullet through me! It would have been worth 15s. to him!"

## Hun Plays "Gooseberry."

A Dutch friend who is just back from Antwerp tells me that it is quite impossible for two Belgians to speak in the street without being joined by a German. The Huns insist on playing gooseberry and overhearing everything.

## Footballs for the Front.

That fifth hundred is coming along. Up to the middle of the afternoon twenty balls had arrived and a promise of fifty in one batch. I had also received several donations of money. With the money received I am buying footballs to send away. So the total stands at the moment at 428 received, fifty promised and some money in hand to buy a few more.

## 478 Already.

That very generous promise of fifty comes from Lady Byron, who has already sent one batch of eleven balls. She writes me: "I will send you fifty more footballs just for luck." Luck for our soldiers, I think, to find so opened-handed a friend. So we can really count that fifty into the total and call it 478. That leaves only twenty-two more to make the half thousand. I should like to find those twenty-two awaiting me on Sunday morning. What do you think about it?

## Everyone Helping.

I could fill this page with quotations from letters of thanks or appreciation, or from kind readers who send along the reinforcements. Everyone is helping. Yesterday's post brought four Eton footballs from "Etonian," who had collected them at his glorious school, and two from the children of Sherrington Church School, bought with the money they would have spent on their Christmas festival. Instead of having the fun themselves they preferred to let "Tommy" have it. It is generous of them.

## A Doll's House for the Fund.

And then I have another gift to acknowledge. A City resident—he doesn't wish me to give his name—spent two months some time ago in making this most wonderful doll's house. It is complete in every detail—electric



A wonderful doll's house, to be sold to buy footballs.

bells, papered walls, curtains which take down, real locks, gravel path and all. It is on view at Benefink's, 107, Cheapside, and is to be sold to the highest bidder. Call and leave your bid, or send it by post, for the money is to go to buy footballs for "Tommy."

## Let's Make It Six Hundred.

Did I say we wanted 500 footballs? Well, let's make it 600, since we get so much encouragement at home and from the trenches. Mr. Atkins, who wants a football, we won't disappoint you.

## "Pygmalion."

Writing from Chicago, a correspondent tells me that the appearance of Mrs. Patrick Campbell in "Pygmalion" in that city, although looked forward to with the keenest anticipation in pork-packing circles, has proved a great disappointment. Chicago can see nothing in the play—there is not a word about pigs.

## The Front as Health Resort.

Judging from the appearance of friends of mine who are back from the war for a few days, the front must be one of the healthiest places on earth, at least if you escape death or wounds. One of the holiday-makers, a gunner who has been in the thick of it for three months, astonished me particularly. He was always tall—6ft. 4in., or thereabouts—but his thinness was his own despair and the joke of all his friends. Twelve weeks of war have changed all that. Another three months, and his friends will mock at his obesity.

## Too Much Food.

I made a playful remark to him about his incipient corpulence. "Can't help it," he said. "They overfeed us. I've a childhood prejudice against throwing food away, and so I habitually eat too much."

THE RAMBLER.

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Chatham . . . . .	2 41	2 51	3 13
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Shorncliffe . . . . .	2 45	2 55	3 23
Faversham . . . . .	2 45	2 55	3 24
Horn Bay . . . . .	2 48	2 58	3 25
Birchingh'm . . . . .	2 50	2 58	3 26
Woolwich . . . . .	2 50	2 58	3 27
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Ramsgate . . . . .	2 50	2 58	3 30

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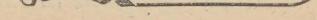
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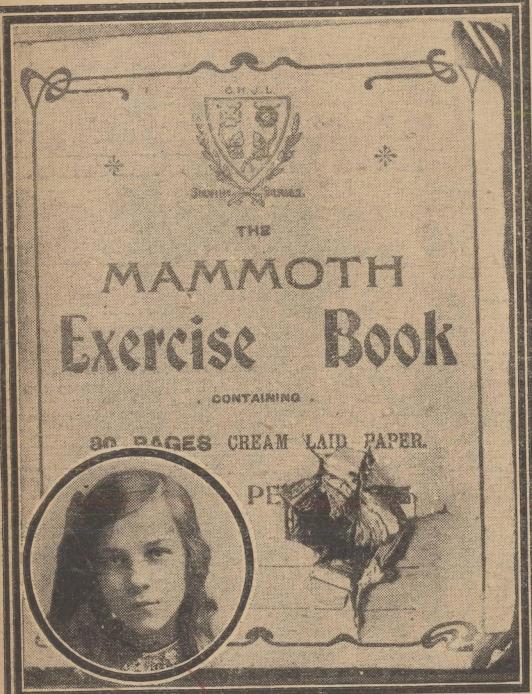
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## GIRL'S ESCAPE FROM SHELL.

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Lily Bain, a Scarborough girl, aged ten, who was preparing to go to school when a fragment of shell pierced her bag and exercise-book. The pictures show the child, who had a wonderful escape, and the hole in the book.

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## BIG GERMAN SHELLS WHICH DIDN'T EXPLODE.

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Two 12in. and two 6in. German shells which fell near Seaton Carew during the bombardment of the east coast. The bigger shells stand 2ft. 8in. high, and prove that big vessels were among the raiders.

## HUSBAND OF CAMILLE CLIFFORD KILLED.

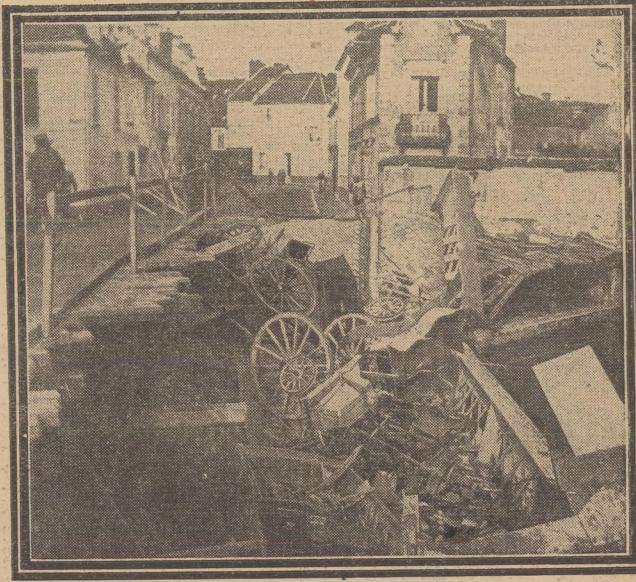
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Captain the Hon. Henry Lyndhurst Bruce (Royal Scots), who has been killed in action. He was the eldest son and heir of Lord Aberdare, and was married in 1906 to Miss Camille Clifford, the well-known actress, who was the creator of the Gibson girl on the stage.—(Bassano.)

## ABYSS OF DEATH: GERMAN MOTORISTS' DOOM.

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Unaware that this bridge had been blown up by the French, the Germans drove a motor-car into the wreckage at full speed. The occupants of the car, including dispatch bearers and Prussian officers, were all instantly killed.

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